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Kansas Cattle On Feed

The number of **cattle on feed** on April 1, 2005 in Kansas feedlots with 1,000 head or more capacity totaled 2.34 million head, down 1 percent from both a year ago and March 1, 2005. **Placements** during March totaled 445,000 head, 3 percent lower than a year ago but 24 percent above February 2005 placements of 360,000 head. The percent of March placements by weight was: under 600 pounds, 11 percent; 600-699 pounds, 19 percent; 700-799 pounds, 38 percent; and 800 pounds or heavier, 32 percent. Of the total number of cattle on feed, 56 percent were steers and steer calves, 43 percent heifers and heifer calves, and the remainder were cows and bulls. **Marketings** during March totaled 460,000 head, 2 percent below March 2004 but 18 percent above February 2005. **Other disappearance** was 15,000 head, 5,000 head lower than March 2004 and February 2005.

**Cattle On Feed, Placements, Marketings, And Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, March - April 2004 - 2005**

State	Number on Feed ¹				March Placements		March Marketings		Other Disappearance during March ²	
	Mar 1 2005	April 1		% of 2004						
		2004	2005		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	(%)	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
AZ	322	293	323	110	33	27	32	24	3	2
CA	515	495	500	101	70	65	71	70	4	10
CO	1,040	970	1,020	105	150	175	190	185	10	10
ID	250	255	240	94	39	44	46	53	3	1
IA	465	415	455	110	69	55	56	64	3	1
KS	2,370	2,360	2,340	99	460	445	470	460	20	15
NE	2,320	2,210	2,260	102	295	300	350	350	5	10
NM	125	105	113	108	16	13	21	23	2	2
OK	340	330	325	98	74	61	77	73	2	3
SD	210	205	205	100	33	31	36	34	2	2
TX	2,690	2,640	2,620	99	490	480	530	540	10	10
WA	185	185	159	86	35	22	34	47	1	1
Oth Sts	320	300	310	103	46	42	54	50	2	2
U.S.	11,152	10,763	10,870	101	1,810	1,760	1,967	1,973	67	69

¹ Being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates to grade select or better. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots.

U.S. Cattle On Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.87 million head on April 1, 2005. The inventory was up 1 percent from the 10.76 million head on April 1, 2004 and 1 percent above April 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.99 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.80 million head, down 6 percent from 2004. **Placements** in feedlots during March totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 13 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.69 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 299,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 614,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 527,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during March totaled 1.97 million, slightly above 2004 and 9 percent above 2003. **Other disappearance** totaled 69,000 during March, 3 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003.

**Cattle On Feed: Number Placed On Feed By Weight Group,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, March 2004-2005**

State	Placed in March									
	Under 600 lbs.		600-699 lbs.		700-799 lbs.		800 Plus lbs.		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	15	15	30	35	60	70	45	55	150	175
KS	55	50	95	85	195	170	115	140	460	445
NE	32	34	47	52	106	92	110	122	295	300
TX	120	85	120	105	180	190	70	100	490	480
Other States	125	115	55	43	105	92	130	110	415	360
U.S.	347	299	347	320	646	614	470	527	1,810	1,760

**Cattle On Feed: Number On Feed By Class
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, by Quarter, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	Apr 1,	Jan 1,	Apr 1,	Apr 1,	Jan 1,	Apr 1,	Apr 1,	Jan 1,	Apr 1,
	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	575	665	620	390	410	390	5	5	10
KS	1,230	1,310	1,320	1,110	1,080	995	20	20	25
NE	1,300	1,390	1,410	890	890	835	20	20	15
TX	1,670	1,750	1,680	967	947	936	3	3	4
Other States	1,855	2,060	1,959	709	719	647	19	30	24
U.S.	6,630	7,175	6,989	4,066	4,046	3,803	67	78	78

Milk Production Up

The January-March 2005 **milk production in Kansas** totaled 554 million pounds, up slightly from production during the same quarter in 2004. The number of milk cows was estimated at 109,000 cows, down 3,000 from the same quarter a year ago. The quarterly production per cow averaged 5,060 pounds, a 210 pound increase from the January-March period last year.

The quarterly **production of milk for the U.S.** was 43.2 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.0 million head, 2,000 head more than the same period a year earlier. U.S. milk production per cow during the first quarter averaged 4,807 pounds, up 52 pounds from the comparable 2004 average.

For economic analysis and market implications of this report, please go to www.agmanager.info/livestock/marketing/outlook/newsletters/default.asp and click on the latest Cattle Outlook provided by Dr. Jim Mintert, Extension Ag Economist with KSU-Research & Extension Service.